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After over 7 decades, PM Modi established social justice in J&K: LG

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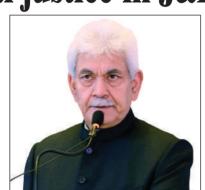
JAMMU: Lt Governor Manoj Sinha on Sunday said Prime Minister Narendra Modi has established social justice in the Union Territory after over seven decades of India's independence. "This ensured everyone has access to

equal opportunities and the resources to well-being and prosperity of marginalised sections of society," the Lt Governor said during this month's Awaam ki Awaaz Programme.

Highlighting efforts to provide social justice to build an Atmanirbhar Union Territory, he also shared the stories of beneficiaries and inspiring unsung heroes that have become embodiment of transformation in Naya Jammu Kashmir.

The Lieutenant Governor said the vision of Sabka Saath Sabka Vikas Sabka Vishwas and Sabka Prayas has removed developmental imbalances and put J&K on the path of accelerated and inclusive development.

"No future-oriented society can



LG Manoj Sinha addressing citizens through 'Awaam Ki Awaaz' programme.

progress without people-centered governance. Our vision is to ensure that growth must reach all sections of society and measures for equitable access to opportunities is further strengthened," the Lt Governor observed.

The historic decision of the inclusion of Paharis, Padari Tribes, Koli and Gadda Brahmin in Scheduled Tribes

list, while safeguarding the interest of Gujjar, Bakarwals and other listed tribes is a testimony to our commitment towards the empowerment of all, he

Dedicating the 35th edition of Awaam ki Awaaz programme to Unsung Heroes and Nari Shakti of Jammu Kashmir, the Lt Governor lauded Bandipora's Shabnam Bashir for her significant contribution to the society and standout efforts for the revival of tribal culture.

He made a special mention of Waheeda Akhtar from Budgam who overcame immense challenges and serves as an inspiration to women in the area and helping in their economic empowerment.

Reva Raina from Jammu is promoting values-based education using sports in different schools. Her vision and selflessness have helped revolutionize and shape the young minds, the Lt Governor said. Udhampur's Anita Sharma and Shahnaz Bano; Sunita Devi from

Opposition lacks road map for 'Viksit Bharat', only BJP can deliver it: Modi

NEW DELHI: Prime Minister Narendra Modi asserted on Sunday that the BJP's return to power with a strong mandate is the first condition for India to realise its big goals as he exhorted thousands of party members to work with renewed energy, vigour and enthusiasm for the next 100 days to ensure a big victory.

Addressing nearly 11,500 BJP delegates from across the country at Bharat Mandapam here, he said he is seeking power not for "satta bhog" (enjoying power) but for the country's benefit, and slammed the opposition, especially the Congress, saying they make all kinds of false promises but lack a road map for making the country developed.



This is something only the BJP can do, he said, exuding confidence about his return to power while noting that many foreign countries have invited him for engagements in July, August and September. This suggests that these countries also know that "aayega toh Modi hi" (Modi's re-election is

inevitable).

In his 65-minute valedictory speech at the BJP's national convention ahead of the Lok Sabha elections expected in April-May, the prime minister stuck to the message of the country's growth and rising global standing besides his government's measures for empow-

ering every section of society. especially the poor.

He asked BJP members to connect with all sections of society, including those who have not been inclined to the party, saying they have to earn the trust of everyone.

effort, then the BJP will win more than 370 seats and the NDA led by it 400-plus seats in the 543-member House, he said.

When everyone makes an

"We have to connect with everyone, not for forming government but to build the country," he said.

Taking an aim at critics who wondered if he would be able to handle foreign policy, he said India's ties with West Asia is at its strongest and noted that he was the first prime minister in a

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Historic, will transform our lives: Residents on Banihal rail link to be opened by PM on Tuesday

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BANIHAL/JAMMU:Thousands of families in remote pockets of Ramban district are eagerly waiting for the inauguration of train services on the Banihal-Sangaldan section by Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Tuesday, and say it will fulfil their decades-old dream and completely transform their

The 48.1-km section, a of the ambitious Udhampur-Srinagar-Baramulla Rail Link project, will provide an all-weather

Union ministers.

farmer leaders hold

fourth round of talks

CHANDIGARH: A panel of

Union ministers held a

fourth round of talks with

farmer leaders here on

Sunday over their demands,

including a legal guarantee

of MSP, as thousands of

protesting farmers stayed

put at the Punjab-Haryana

Agriculture and Farmer

Welfare Minister Arjun

Commerce and Industry

Pivush Goval and Minister

of State for Home Affairs

Nityanand Rai reached the

Mahatma Gandhi State

Administration in Sector 26

Punjab Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann also joined

the meeting, which began

around 8:30 pm and contin-

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dependable transport facility to the people of the region. According to Northern

Railway officials, the prime minister will virtually dedicate to the nation the Banihal-Khari-Sumber-Sangaldan railway line and flag off the first electric train Baramulla Sangaldan during his visit to Jammu on February 20.

Modi is also scheduled inaugurate and lay the foundation of 209 projects worth Rs 3,161 crore from the Maulana Azad Stadium

Security stepped up in Kashmir ahead of PM's visit to J&K

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SRINAGAR: Security forces have been put on an alert in Kashmir ahead of the visit of Prime Minister Narendra Modi to Jammu on Tuesday. Police and paramilitary

forces are conducting random checking of vehicles at dozens of places in the city and elsewhere, officials said here on Sunday. Special checking points,

acluding entry and points have been set up at various places in the city as a precautionary measure, the officials said.

Although the prime minis-



Jammu region, the security forces in the valley have been put on an alert to ensure that terrorists do not carry out any subversive activities durthe Union Territory, they

This will be Modi's second visit to Jammu and Kashmir during his second term in

The Prime Minister is

expected to inaugurate various development projects during his visit to Jammu which include the AIIMS hospital Jammu, world's highest railway bridge over Chenab river and Devika river project in Udhampur.

Modi is likely to remotely flag off the first train in Sangaldan-Baramulla rail link and also address a public rally in Jammu later in the day.

Meanwhile, General of Police,

Inspector

Selfie point near LoC in Uri becomes major tourist attraction



URI: A selfie point near the Line of Control (LoC) in Kashmir has become a major attraction for tourists as it allows them to capture the

remote border region and offers a panoramic view of the Jhelum river, officials

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Pak increases telecom towers in PoK to help terror groups: Officials

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JAMMU: The number of telecom towers along the Line of Control in Pakistanoccupied-Kashmir (PoK) has been increased in recent times with an aim to aid terrorists and their associates in infiltration activities, officials said here.

Terror groups have been using highly encrypted YSMS services, a technology that merges smart-phones and radio sets for covert communication purposes, the officials said after a study of the pattern of infiltration

bids and recent terror attacks, particularly in the south of the Pir Panjal range in the Jammu region.

With this technology, a handler of a terror outfit in PoK is connected with the infiltrating group and its reception party in the Jammu region on a telecom network used across the LoC. This is done to avoid detection by the army or the BSF, which guard the borders with Pakistan.

The project for boosting telecom signals has been completely handed over to

the Special Communication Organization (SCO) led by Pakistani army officer Maj Gen Umar Ahmad Shah, believed to be formerly working with Pakistan's spy agency ISI.

The strategic placement of telecom towers near the LoC and the international border. generally used for aiding terrorists and their associates in infiltration activities, stands in violation of Article 45 of the constitution of the International Telecommunication

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Azad promises land, job rights law in J&K ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Describing the revocation of Article 370 as a "blunder". Democratic Progressive Azad Party chief Ghulam Nabi Azad on Sunday promised a law to provide land and job rights to residents of Jammu and Kashmir if his party comes to power.

Seeking support of the electorate in the next assembly elections, Azad said unifying people and ending discrimination and insecurity will be the top priorities of his government.

"The revocation of Article 370 (in August 2019) was a



DPAP Chairman Ghulam Nabi Azad addressing public gathering in Paloura, Jammu.

blunder. If the Democratic Progressive Azad Party (DPAP) comes to power, we will work towards reinstating job and land rights so that no outsider can purchase land

or secure jobs in Jammu and Kashmir," Azad, a former chief minister of the erstwhile state, said at a public meeting in Paloura

He emphasised the impor-

name of religion". Acknowledging the government's efforts in certain areas, including the restoration of peace to a large extent. Azad said a lot needs

tance of voting for develop-

ment and rejecting parties

that "sow division in the

all sections of society that have suffered immensely over the past three decades. 'As chief minister for a brief period of two-and-a-half years, I made a lot of effort to improve the living condi-

to be done for the welfare of

tions of the people, irrespective of their caste, creed

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Country has made up its mind for 3rd term to Modi: Shah

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NEW DELHI: Home Minister Amit Shah on Sunday likened the upcoming Lok Sabha polls to the Mahabharata war, asserting Prime Minister Narendra Modi is leading the BJP-led camp working for the country's development while "INDI alliance" under the Congress is full of familyrun parties and corruption.

In his address at the BJP's national convention here, Shah lashed out at the opposition INDIA bloc for its promotion of dynastic and appeasement politics.

Min: 82 "Just as in Mahabharata war there were Sunrise: 07:11 Hours two camps, Kauravas and

Pandavas, similarly today there are two camps ahead of the elections," Shah said.

One of the camps is the BJP-led NDA under Prime Minister Narendra Modi's leadership and the other is "INDI Alliance" led by the Congress, he said. "INDI alliance is an

alliance of all dynastic parties, which nurture the politics of dynasticism, corruption, appearement, while the BJP-led NDA is an alliance of parties which follows the principles of nation," he said.

People of the country will have to decide which of the two camps they want to give mandate to this time, he



He was speaking on the resolution "BJP: Desh ki aasha, vipaksha ki hatasha" (BJP: Country's hope, opposition's despair).

The opposition, he said, is full of "2G, 3G and 4G" parties, a reference to the sec-

ond, third and fourth generation of families running these parties.

"Congress which leads INDI alliance ended the spirit of democracy with corruption, dynasticism and appeasement so that people's

mandate do not come independently," Shah said.

Prime Minister Modi brought the politics of development at the centre stage by ending the Opposition parties' politics of dynasticism, corruption, appeasement and caste, he said.

The prime minister has worked for the development of all sections of society and enhanced the country's global standing, Shah said, while asserting that there is no doubt in people's mind that the prime minister will retain power for a third term.

Shah described Modi as a candle which removes darkrains, they said. ness while burning itself,

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Srinagar, Jammu receive rains, Kashmir's hilly regions get snowfall

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SRINAGAR/JAMMU: Higher reaches of Kashmir received fresh snowfall even as plains of the valley, as also parts of the Jammu region, received rains that brought down the temperatures by several degrees. officials said on Sunday.

Snowfall has been reported in all hilly and mountainous areas of Kashmir since early morning, they

The plains of the valley, including Srinagar city, received light to moderate

The snowfall has closed several roads connecting the main valley to remote areas like Machil in Kupwara district, Gurez in Bandipora district and Sonamarg in Ganderbal district, officials said. Mughal road connecting

Shopian district of Kashmir to Rajouri-Poonch area of Jammu division has also closed due to snow. However, there was some

traffic on Srinagar-Jammu National Highway till some time back, the officials said.

The weather office has forecast moderate to heavy precipitation in the form of snow or rains across Kashmir Valley over the

next three days.

